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1. The amendment filed on 29 December 2010 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The Amendment filed on December 10, 2010, is made to cancel claim 3. The Amendment filed on January 14, 2010, amended claim 1 to include the feature of claim 3, however, claim 3 was not canceled at that time. The Amendment filed on December 29, 2010, is made to amend the dependency of claim 4 from now canceled claim 3, to independent claim 1. No issues requiring any substantive consideration have been raised.

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